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FOREIGN PRODUCERS'/EXPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

STAINLESS STEEL BUTT-WELD PIPE FITTINGS FROM ITALY, MALAYSIA, AND THE PHILIPPINES

Return completed questionnaire to:

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Office of Investigations, Room 615 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436

So as to be received by the Commission by no later than June 30, 2006

The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its antidumping review investigations concerning stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings from Italy, Malaysia, and the Philippines (inv. Nos. 731-TA-865-867 (Review)). The information requested in the questionnaire is requested under the authority of the Tariff Act of 1930, title VII.

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	firm produced or exported stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings (as defined in the instruction booklet) at any e January 1, 2000?
□ NO	(Sign the certification below and promptly return only this page of the questionnaire to the Commission)
YES	(Read the instruction booklet carefully, complete all parts of the questionnaire, sign the certification, and return the entire questionnaire to the Commission)
	CERTIFICATION
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PART I.--GENERAL QUESTIONS

The questions in this questionnaire have been reviewed with market participants to ensure that issues of concern are adequately addressed and that data requests are sufficient, meaningful, and as limited as possible. Public reporting burden for this questionnaire is estimated to average 30 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering the data needed, and completing and reviewing the questionnaire. Send comments regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436.

I-1a.	Please report below the actual number of hours required and the cost to your firm of preparing the reply to this questionnaire and completing the form.
	hours dollars
I-1b.	We are interested in any comments you may have for improving this questionnaire in general or the clarity of specific questions. Please attach such comments to your response or send them to the above address.
I-2.	Provide the name and address of establishment(s) covered by this questionnaire (see page 3 of the instruction booklet for reporting guidelines). If your firm is publicly traded, please specify the stock exchange and trading symbol.
I-3.	Please provide the names, street addresses (not P.O. boxes), contacts, telephone numbers, and email addresses of the <u>FIVE</u> largest U.S. importers of your firm's stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings in 2005.
I-4.	In Parts II and III of this questionnaire we request a copy of your company's business plan. Does your company or any related firm have a business plan or any internal documents that describe, discuss, or analyze expected future market conditions for stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings?
	No YesPlease provide the requested documents. If you are not providing the requested documents, please explain why not.

PART I.--GENERAL QUESTIONS--Continued

No	YesPlease name the firm(s) and country(ies) below and, if U.S. producer(s), ensure that they complete the Commission's producer questionnaire (contact Nathanael Comly for copies of that questionnaire).
	firm or any related firm import or have any plans to import stainless steel butt-wells into the United States?
No	YesPlease name the firm(s) below and ensure that they complete the Commission's importer questionnaire (contact Nathanael Comly fo copies of that questionnaire).
II <u>TRADI</u>	E AND RELATED INFORMATION
Has your fi consolidati curtailment of your ope	rm experienced any plant openings, relocations, expansions, acquisitions, ons, closures, or prolonged shutdowns because of strikes or equipment failure; of production because of shortages of materials; or any other change in the characterations or organization relating to the production of stainless steel butt-weld pipe be February 23, 2001 (the date on which the antidumping duty orders under review
Has your fi consolidati curtailment of your ope fittings sind	rm experienced any plant openings, relocations, expansions, acquisitions, ons, closures, or prolonged shutdowns because of strikes or equipment failure; of production because of shortages of materials; or any other change in the characterations or organization relating to the production of stainless steel butt-weld pipe be February 23, 2001 (the date on which the antidumping duty orders under review ective)?
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	anticipate any changes in the character of your operations or organization (as elating to the production of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings in the future?
No	YesSupply details as to the time, nature, and significance of such changes and provide underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue. Include in your response a specific projection of your firm's capacity to produce stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings (in 1,000 pounds) for 2006 and 2007.
noted above) reantidumping du	em anticipate any changes in the character of your operations or organization (as elating to the production of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings in the future if the uty orders on stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings from Italy, Malaysia, and/or the re to be revoked? YesSupply details as to the time, nature, and significance of such changes and provide underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.
	have any plans to add, expand, curtail, or shut down production capacity and/or stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings in Italy, Malaysia, and/or the Philippines in
□No	YesPlease describe those plans, including planned dates and capacity/ production quantities involved, and the reason(s) for such change(s). If the plans are to add or expand capacity or production, list (in descending order of importance) the markets (countries) to which such additional capacity or production would be directed. Provide relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation that addresses this issue.

fittings in Italy, Malaysia, and/o discuss any significant changes duty orders under review becan	in production					
Has your firm since 2000 products on the same equipmen pipe fittings?						
produ	ne following in ction capacity veld pipe fitting	and prod	uction of t	hese prod	rm's combucts and s	bined stainless
<u>Product</u>	Period		Basis fo	or allocation	on of capa	acity dat
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ltem	(<i>Quantity</i> in 1,0	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
AVERAGE PRODUCTION CAPACITY	,					
PRODUCTION						
Has your firm since 2000 products using the same product weld pipe fittings?	•		•		-	
No YesList tl	ne following in	formatio	n.			
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<u>Product</u>	Period		Basis fo	or allocation	on of emp	loymen

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued II-8. Please describe the constraint(s) that set the limit(s) on your production capacity. What percentage of your firm's total sales in its most recent fiscal year was represented by sales II-9. of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings? Percent II-10. Is your firm able to switch production between stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings and other products in response to a relative price change in the price of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings vis-a-vis the price of other products, using the same equipment and labor? No Yes--Please identify below the other products, the approximate time and cost involved in switching, and the minimum relative price change required for your firm to switch production to or from stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings. Has your firm maintained any inventories of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings in the United States (not including inventories held by firms identified in questions I-3, I-5, or I-6 above¹) since 2000? No Yes--Report the quantity (in 1,000 pounds) of such **end-of-year**

II-12. (a) Are your firm's exports of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings subject to tariff or non-tariff barriers to trade (for example, antidumping or countervailing duty findings or remedies, tariffs, quotas, or regulatory barriers) in any countries other than the United States?

2003

2004

2005

Barrier (if tariff,

inventories below.

2002

2000

2001

No Yes--List the products(s), country(ies), the year each such barrier was imposed, and the type of barrier.

Product Country Year imposed give rate)

¹ Such firms will report inventories in the Commission's importer or producer questionnaire.

No	YesList the produc	cts(s), country(ies), and type of investigation.
Product	Country	Type of investigation
increased yo orders on sta	our sales of stainless steel bu	United States) that you have developed or where you tt-weld pipe fittings as a result of the antidumping durittings from Italy, Malaysia, and/or the Philippines.
steel butt-we your firm's p and other ma	eld pipe fittings from Italy, Noroduction capacity, production	Malaysia, and/or the Philippines in terms of its effect tion, home market shipments, exports to the United S
steel butt-we your firm's pand other ma after the imp	eld pipe fittings from Italy, No production capacity, production capacity, production capacity, production capacity, production of the orders. Solution of the orders.	antidumping duty orders covering imports of stainle Malaysia, and/or the Philippines in terms of its effect tion, home market shipments, exports to the United S is may wish to compare your firm's operations before in its production capacity, production, home market and other markets, or inventories relating to the lipe fittings in the future if the antidumping duty order

steel butt-weld pipe fittings produced b Report separately for each country li identify the country for which you ar	y your firm sted below	n in the su v. Photoc	bject cour opy this p	nty since . page as n	January 1	, 2000.
Italy	Mala	ysia		Philippir	nes	
(<i>Quantity</i> in 1,000 po	ounds, value	in 1,000 U.S	S. dollars)			
Item	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
AVERAGE PRODUCTION CAPACITY¹ (quantity)						
BEGINNING-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES ² (quantity)						
PRODUCTION ³ (quantity)						
SHIPMENTS:	<u> </u>	1	1		•	
Home market:						
Internal consumption/transfers (quantity)						
Commercial shipments: Quantity						
Value						
Exports to						
United States: ⁴ <i>Quantity</i>						
Value						
All other export markets: European Union:⁵ <i>Quantity</i>						
Value						
Asia: ⁶ <i>Quantity</i>						
Value						
Other: ⁷ <i>Quantity</i>						
Value						
Subtotal, all other export markets: Quantity						
Value						
Total exports (quantity)						
Total shipments (quantity)						
END-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES (quantity)						
¹ The production capacity (see definitions in instructions booklet) reported is based on operating hours per week, weeks per year. Please describe the methodology used to calculate production capacity, and explain any changes in reported capacity (use additional pages as necessary).						
² Reconciliation of dataPlease note that the quantities repplus production, less total shipments, equals end-of-period inverse and production, less total shipments, equals end-of-period inverse and production, less total shipments, equals end-of-period inverse and production in shipments are stated in the percentage of total production of stain accounted for by your firm's prior to the Unit Philippines accounted for by your firm's exports in 2005: ⁵ Identify principal European Union export markets. ⁶ Identify principal Asian export markets. ⁷ Identify principal other export markets.	ventories. Do t less steel butt- ed States of sta	the data repo	ings in Italy,	e? Malaysia, an	d the Philipp	ines

 II-16b. Please report production capacity, produstainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings pro 1, 2000. Report separately for each coand identify the country for which you 	duced by untry list	your firm t ed below	in the sub. Photoco	oject cour opy this p	ntry since page as n	January
Italy	Mala	ysia		Philippin	ies	
(<i>Quantity</i> in 1,000 pou	ınds, <i>valu</i> e	in 1,000 U.	S. dollars)			
Item	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
AVERAGE PRODUCTION CAPACITY¹ (quantity)						
BEGINNING-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES ² (quantity)						
PRODUCTION ³ (quantity)						
SHIPMENTS:						
Home market:				_		
Internal consumption/transfers (quantity)						
Commercial shipments: Quantity						
Value						
Exports to	•	•			•	•
United States: ⁴ Quantity						
Value						
All other export markets: European Union: ⁵ <i>Quantity</i>						
Value						
Asia: ⁶ <i>Quantity</i>						
Value						
Other: ⁷ <i>Quantity</i>						
Value						
Subtotal, all other export markets: Quantity						
Value						
Total exports (quantity)						
Total shipments (quantity)						
END-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES (quantity)						
¹ The production capacity (see definitions in instructions booklet) reported is based on operating hours per week, weeks per year. Please describe the methodology used to calculate production capacity, and explain any changes in reported capacity (use additional pages as necessary).						
² Reconciliation of dataPlease note that the quantities reported above should reconcile as follows: beginning-of-period inventories, plus production, less total shipments, equals end-of-period inventories. Do the data reported reconcile? Yes NoPlease explain: ³ Please estimate the percentage of total production of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings in Italy, Malaysia, and the Philippines accounted for by your firm's production in 2005: Percent ³ Please estimate the percentage of total exports to the United States of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings from Italy, Malaysia, or the Philippines accounted for by your firm's exports in 2005: S Identify principal European Union export markets. ¹ Identify principal other export markets. ¬ Identify principal other export markets.						

OR GREATER IN OUTSIDE DIAMETER produced by your firm in the subject countries						
since January 1, 2000. Report separatel	y for eacl	n country	listed be	low. Pho	tocopy tl	nis page
as needed and identify the country for	which yo	u are rep	orting in	the boxe	s provide	d.
Italy	Mala	ysia		Philippin	es	
(<i>Quantity</i> in 1,000 pour	nds, <i>valu</i> e	in 1,000 U	J.S. dollars	s)		
ltem	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings 14 inches or	greater i	n outside d	diameter:			
Exports to						
United States: ⁴ <i>Quantity</i>						
Value						
II-18. Approximately what percentage of your exports to the United States of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings in 2005 was from each of the following grades of stainless steel?						
Grade of stainless steel			Per	centage		
304/304L						
316/316L						
Other						
Unknown						
Total			1	00%		

Share of sales (percent)

PART III.--MARKET FACTORS

Long-term contracts

III-4.

Type of sale

III-1. Approximately what share of your firm's sales of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings to U.S. customers in 2005 were on a (1) long-term contract basis (multiple deliveries for more than 12 months), (2) short-term contract basis (multiple deliveries up to 12 months), and (3) spot sales basis (for a single delivery)?

Short-	-term contracts					
Spot s	sales					
III-2.	e answer the following questions with respect to					
	(a) What is the average duration of a contract?					
	(b) Can prices be renegotiated during the contr	ract period?				
	(c) Does the contract fix quantity, price, or both?					
	(d) Does the contract have a meet-or-release pr	rovision?				
III-3.	If you sell on a short-term contract basis, pleas provisions of a typical short-term contract.	e answer the following questions with respect to				
	(a) What is the average duration of a contract?					
	(b) Can prices be renegotiated during the contract period?					
	(c) Does the contract fix quantity, price, or bot	h?				
	(d) Does the contract have a meet-or-release pr	rovision?				

Source	Share of 2005 sales	Lead time
From inventory		
Produced to order		
Total	100%	

firm's sales of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings?

What is the average lead time between a U.S. customer's order and the date of delivery for your

${\bf PART~III.--} \underline{{\bf MARKET~FACTORS}} - {\bf Continued}$

III-5.	To what extent have changes in the prices of raw materials affected your firm's selling prices for stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings during January 2000-June 2006? Also discuss any anticipated changes in your raw material costs in the future, identifying the time period(s) involved and the factor(s) that you believe would be responsible for such changes. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.
III-6.	Have any changes occurred in any other factors affecting supply (e.g., changes in availability or prices of energy or labor; transportation conditions; production capacity and/or methods of production; technology; export markets; or alternative production opportunities) that affected the availability of Italy-, Malaysia-, and/or the Philippines-produced stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings in the U.S. market since 2000?
	No YesPlease note the time period(s) of any such changes, the factors(s) involved, and the impact such changes had on your shipment volumes and prices.
III-7.	(a) Do you anticipate any changes in terms of the availability of Italy-, Malaysia-, and/or the Philippines-produced stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings in the U.S. market in the future?
	☐ Increase ☐ No Change ☐ Decrease
	(b) If you anticipate changes in supply, please identify the changes including the time period and the impact of such changes on shipment volumes and prices. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.
III-8.	Describe how easily your firm can shift its sales of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings between the U.S. market and alternative country markets. In your discussion, please describe any contracts, other sales arrangements, or other constraints (including any third-country trade barriers such as tariffs, quotas, or other non-tariff barriers) that would prevent or retard your firm from shifting stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings between the U.S. and alternative country markets within a 12-month period. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.

PART III.--MARKET FACTORS-Continued

III-9.	home market s stainless steel Have there be stainless steel	significantly diff butt-weld pipe f en any significar	ferent from the partitings for exporent changes in the littings in your h	product range, product to the United product range	, product mix, or	arketing of country markets?	
	No	YesPleas	se describe and	quantify if poss	sible.		
III-10.	of stainless ste for export to the factor(s) that y	eel butt-weld pip hird-country man you believe would along with releva	be fittings in your rkets in the future ld be responsible	r home market, re, identifying t e for such chan	for export to the		
III-11.	(a) Please list weld pipe fitti	•	rtance any prod	ucts that may b	e substituted for s	stainless steel butt-	
	(1)		(2)		_ (3)		
	(b) For each possible substitute product, please give examples of applications and end uses for which they are substitutes.						
	(c) Have changes in the prices of these products affected the price for stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings?						
	Yes—To what degree do changes in their prices affect the price for stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings? Does this effect have a time lag? If so, how long is the time lag for each substitute product? Does this vary by type of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings or final end use?						

$PART~III.--\underline{MARKET~FACTORS}-Continued$

III-12.	Have there been any changes in the number or types of products that can be substituted for stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings since 2000?				
	□No	YesPlease explain.			
(II-13.	• •	e any changes in terms of the substitutability of other products for stainless steel ttings in the future?			
	□ No [YesPlease describe. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.			
III-14.	weld pipe fittings	steel butt-weld pipe fittings produced by your firm and sold in its home market (i.e., can be used in the same applications) with your firm's stainless steel butt-s sold to the United States and/or to third-country markets? NoIdentify the market(s) and any differences in the products.			
III-15.	your home marke	uses of the stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings that you manufacture and sell to et. If these end uses differ from those of the stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings S. market or to third-country markets, explain.			
III-16.	Have there been No	any changes in the end uses of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings since 2000? YesPlease describe.			

PART III.--<u>MARKET FACTORS</u>-Continued

III-17.	Do you anticipate any changes in terms of the end uses of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings in the future?							
	YesPlease describe and identify the time period. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.							
III-18.	a) How has demand within your home market for stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings changed since 2000?							
	☐ Increased ☐ Unchanged ☐ Decreased ☐ Other (describe)							
	What were the principal factors affecting changes in demand?							
	b) How has demand within the United States for stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings changed since 2000?							
	☐ Increased ☐ Unchanged ☐ Decreased ☐ Other (describe)							
	What were the principal factors affecting changes in demand?							
	c) How has demand in markets other than your home market or the United States for stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings changed since 2000?							
	Increased Unchanged Decreased							
	Other (describe)							
	What were the principal factors affecting changes in demand?							

PART III.--MARKET FACTORS-Continued

111-19.	home market and the United States and, if known, the rest of the world? YesPlease describe and identify the time period. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.
III-20.	Please compare market prices of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings in your home market, the United States, and third-country markets, if known. Provide specific information as to time periods and regions for any price comparisons.
III-21.	Describe briefly your home market for stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings, including the number of, and competition between, producers.
III-22.	Do you face competition from imports of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings in your home market? No YesPlease identify the country sources of any imports of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings into your home market.
III-23.	Please provide as a separate attachment to this request any studies, surveys, etc. that you are aware of that quantify and/or otherwise discuss stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings supply (including production capacity and capacity utilization) and demand in (1) the United States, (2) each of the other major producing/consuming countries, including Italy, Malaysia, and the Philippines, and (3) the world as a whole. Of particular interest is such data from 2000 to the present and forecasts for the future.
III-24.	Does your firm sell stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings over the internet?
	No YesPlease describe, noting the estimated percentage of your firm's total sales of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings in 2005 accounted for by internet sales.